



POBLACHT NA H EIREANN.
THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT
 OF THE
IRISH REPUBLIC
 TO THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND.

IRELAND AND HERWORKERS. In the name of God and of the dead generations from which the revivings have descended, Ireland, through us, renews her address to her flag and wishes her her freedom.

Having rejected and treated her masters through her secret revolutionary organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having repeatedly pleaded for the right, refused to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her untold children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, has resolved in the first of her own strength, the witness is full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the sovereignty of Ireland, and to the exclusive control of Irish institutions to be necessary and subordinate. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has on extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty in their struggle with their oppressors. In the past, they have secured it in time. Standing on that fundamental right and upon asserting it to stand in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our countrymen to secure in the cause of the freedom of its workers, and of its exiles among all nations.

The Irish Republic is established in and thereby claims the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its purpose to secure the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the rights of the nation equally, and all the rights of the individual, carefully to bevelled by no alien government, which have derived, ultimately from the majority in the past. Our own arms have brought the opportunity, moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrage of all the men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the souls of the Irish heroes and heroines who died for the Right God, whose blood we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no man who serves that cause will hereafter be by new wrongs, slavery, or rapine. In the extreme hour the Irish nation stands, by the valour and sacrifice of her dead, and by the readiness of its citizens to sacrifice themselves for the freedom of their country, to stand by the side of any nation which is called.

Signed and sealed at the Provisional Government.
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